

b. recording an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file; and

c. associating an independently accessible address with the recorded audio file, such that when the address is accessed using the computer system, the recorded audio file is transmitted to the computer system for playback, wherein the recorded audio file is separately and directly accessible using the independently accessible address and further wherein the independently accessible address is unique to the recorded audio file.

2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the step of associating is performed by a server on which the recorded audio file is stored at the address.

3. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 2 further comprising the step of playing back the recorded audio file when the address is accessed.

4. (original) The method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the address is accessed by transmitting an html address over an internet connection.

5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising the step of establishing the internet connection.

6. (original) The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the html address is transmitted over the internet connection by selecting a hyperlink pointing to the address.

7. (original) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the server is at a remote location from the computer system.

8. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of determining if a user establishing the telephony connection has a user profile within a user database.

9. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the recorded audio file is first available for playback at a time after the step of recording is begun.

10. (original) The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the time is specified by a user and includes a range from immediately available for playback to available for playback after a delay period.

11. (original) The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the time is determined by a location profile corresponding to a site at which the recorded audio file is stored and includes a range from immediately available for playback to available for playback after a delay period.

12. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 A method of recording an audio file for playback over a computer system comprising:

a. establishing a telephony connection between a telephony device and a call recording device;

b. recording an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file; and

c. associating an independently accessible address with the recorded audio file, such that when the address is accessed using the computer system, the recorded audio file is transmitted to the computer system for playback, wherein the recorded audio file is separately and directly accessible using the independently accessible

address and further wherein the independently accessible address is unique to the recorded audio file;

wherein a notification is sent to a recording user responsible for recording the audio communication, the notification specifying the independently accessible address associated with the recorded audio file.

13. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~ automatically posting a link pointing to the address.

14. (original) The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the link is posted at a predetermined location.

15. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~ associating descriptive information with the recorded audio file.

16. (original) The method as claimed in claim 15 wherein the descriptive information includes a title.

17. (currently amended) A method of recording an audio file for playback over a computer system comprising ~~the steps of:~~

- a. establishing a telephony connection between a telephony device and a call recording device;
- b. recording an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file;
- c. including the recorded audio file within a second file, such that when the second file is accessed using the computer system, the recorded audio file is available for playback at the computer system, wherein the recorded audio file is separately and

directly accessible using an independently accessible address and further wherein
the independently accessible address is unique to the recorded audio file; and

d. sending the second file to the computer system for access by a user.

18. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 17 wherein ~~the step of~~ including is performed by a server on which the recorded audio file is stored.

19. (original) The method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the server is at a remote location from the computer system.

20. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 17 further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining if a user establishing the telephony connection has a user profile within a user database.

21. (original) The method as claimed in claim 17 wherein the second file is an e-mail message.

22. (previously amended) A record and playback system for recording an audio file for later playback comprising:

- a. means for establishing a telephony connection with a telephony device;
- b. means for recording coupled to the means for establishing a telephony connection for recording an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file; and
- c. means for storing coupled to the means for recording for storing the recorded audio file at an independently accessible address, such that when the address is accessed by a computer system, the recorded audio file is transmitted to the computer system for playback, wherein the recorded audio file is separately and

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directly accessible using the independently accessible address and further wherein the independently accessible address is unique to the recorded audio file.

23. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 22 further comprising a server including the means for storing.
24. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 23 wherein the server is at a remote location from the computer system.
25. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 24 wherein a data connection is established between the server and the computer system for transmitting the address and the recorded audio file for playback.
26. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 25 wherein the data connection is established by an internet connection.
27. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 26 wherein the server is an internet server.
28. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 22 wherein the address is accessed by transmitting an html address from the computer system over an internet connection.
29. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 28 wherein the html address is transmitted over the internet connection by selecting a hyperlink pointing to the address.

30. (previously amended) A record and playback system for recording an audio file for later playback comprising:

- a. an interface circuit configured to establish a telephony connection with a telephony device;
- b. a call recording system coupled to the interface circuit to record an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file; and
- c. a storage system coupled to the call recording system to store the recorded audio file at an independently accessible address within the storage system, such that when the address is accessed by a computer system, the recorded audio file is transmitted to the computer system for playback, wherein the recorded audio file is separately and directly accessible using the independently accessible address and further wherein the independently accessible address is unique to the recorded audio file.

31. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 30 wherein the storage system includes a server having a mass storage device on which the recorded audio file is stored at the address.

32. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 31 wherein the server is at a remote location from the computer system.

33. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 32 wherein a data connection is established between the server and the computer system to transmit the recorded audio file for playback.

34. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 33 wherein the data connection is an internet connection.

35. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 30 wherein the address is accessed by transmitting an html address from the computer system to the storage system over an internet connection.

36. (original) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 35 wherein the html address is transmitted over the internet connection by selecting a hyperlink pointing to the address.

37. (previously amended) A network of devices for recording and playback of an audio file comprising:

- a. a call processing and recording system coupled to a telephone network to establish a telephony connection with a telephony device and record an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file;
- b. a server coupled to the call processing and recording system to store the recorded audio file at an independently accessible address, wherein the recorded audio file is separately and directly accessible using the independently accessible address and further wherein the independently accessible address is unique to the recorded audio file; and
- c. one or more computer systems coupled to the server such that when the address is accessed by one of the computer systems, the recorded audio file is transmitted to an accessing computer system for playback.

38. (original) The network of devices as claimed in claim 37 wherein the server includes a mass storage device on which the recorded audio file is stored at the address.

39. (original) The network of devices as claimed in claim 37 wherein the server is at a remote location from the one or more computer systems.

40. (original) The network of devices as claimed in claim 37 wherein the telephone network is a public switched telephone network.

41. (original) The network of devices as claimed in claim 37 wherein the one or more computer systems are coupled to the server over internet connections.

42. (original) The network of devices as claimed in claim 41 wherein the address is accessed by transmitting an html address from the accessing computer system to the server over the internet connection.

43. (original) The network of devices as claimed in claim 42 wherein the html address is transmitted over the internet connection by selecting a hyperlink pointing to the address.

44. (currently amended) ~~The method as claimed in claim 17 further comprising A method of recording an audio file for playback over a computer system comprising:~~

a. ~~establishing a telephony connection between a telephony device and a call recording device;~~

b. ~~recording an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file;~~

- c. including the recorded audio file within a second file, such that when the second file is accessed using the computer system, the recorded audio file is available for playback at the computer system;
- d. sending the second audio file to the computer system for access by a user; and
- e. sending a notification to a recording user responsible for recording the audio communication, the notification specifying an independently accessible address associated with the recorded audio file.

45. (currently amended) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 22 A record and playback system for recording an audio file for later playback comprising:

- a. means for establishing a telephony connection with a telephony device;
- b. means for recording coupled to the means for establishing a telephony connection for recording an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file; and
- c. means for storing coupled to the means for recording for storing the recorded audio file at an independently accessible address, such that when the address is accessed by a computer system, the recorded audio file is transmitted to the computer system for playback, wherein the recorded audio file is separately and directly accessible using the independently accessible address and further wherein the independently accessible address is unique to the recorded audio file;

wherein a notification is sent to a recording user responsible for recording the audio communication, the notification specifying the independently accessible address associated with the recorded audio file.

46. (currently amended) The record and playback system as claimed in claim 30 A record and playback system for recording an audio file for later playback comprising:

- a. an interface circuit configured to establish a telephony connection with a telephony device;
- b. a call recording system coupled to the interface circuit to record an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file; and
- c. a storage system coupled to the call recording system to store the recorded audio file at an independently accessible address within the storage system, such that when the address is accessed by a computer system, the recorded audio file is transmitted to the computer system for playback, wherein the recorded audio file is separately and directly accessible using the independently accessible address and further wherein the independently accessible address is unique to the recorded audio file;

wherein a notification is sent to a recording user responsible for recording the audio communication, the notification specifying the independently accessible address associated with the recorded audio file.

47. (currently amended) The network of devices as claimed in claim 37 A network of devices for recording and playback of an audio file comprising:

- a. a call processing and recording system coupled to a telephone network to establish a telephony connection with a telephony device and record an audio communication transmitted over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file;
- b. a server coupled to the call processing and recording system to store the recorded audio file at an independently accessible address, wherein the recorded audio file is separately and directly accessible using the independently accessible address

and further wherein the independently accessible address is unique to the recorded audio file; and

c. one or more computer systems coupled to the server such that when the address is accessed by one of the computer systems, the recorded audio file is transmitted to an accessing computer system for playback;

wherein a notification is sent to a recording user responsible for recording the audio communication, the notification specifying the independently accessible address associated with the recorded audio file.

48. (currently amended) A method of recording an audio file for playback over a computer system comprising the steps of:

- a. establishing a telephony connection between a telephony device and a call recording device;
- b. recording an audio communication transmitted by a recording user over the telephony connection thereby establishing a recorded audio file; and
- c. associating an address with the recorded audio file, such that the recorded audio file is played back to each of one or more receiving users who access the address, wherein the address allows the recorded audio file to be separately and directly accessed and further wherein the address is unique to the recorded audio file.